“Largest data breach in US history”: Three more lawsuits try to stop DOGE



All of these plaintiffs had personal data “improperly disclosed to DOGE representatives in a manner completely divorced from the legitimate purposes for which it was maintained and in violation of their privacy rights,” the lawsuit said. The plaintiffs are said to be “concerned that the breach may well result in serious personal, social, and economic harm, from being targeted for harassment and threats to doxxing, swatting, and identity theft.”

Military veterans worried about data access

Plaintiff Donald Martinez of Colorado served in Iraq for the Army and now receives Social Security disability insurance and other government benefits. “Especially because of his previous

military service in a geographically sensitive area and involvement in high-level negotiations because of which he received death threats from terrorists, Plaintiff Martinez is worried that unauthorized access and disclosure of his personal information held within the federal government will compromise his personal safety and security," the lawsuit said.

Plaintiff Christopher Purdy of Georgia served in the Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq and currently leads a nonprofit advocacy group. Purdy is "very worried that Musk and DOGE may use their unauthorized access to his personal information to stop his VA disability payments, a major source of income in his household," the lawsuit said.

The Trump executive order establishing DOGE said its goal was "modernizing federal technology and software to maximize efficiency and productivity." It said that US agencies must give DOGE "full and prompt access to all unclassified agency records, software systems, and IT systems."

An incident this week may add to concerns about Musk's understanding of government systems. On Monday, he criticized a user on X for stating that the US government uses SQL.

"This retard thinks the government uses SQL," Musk wrote. The federal government is in fact a heavy user of SQL in multiple forms, including Microsoft SQL server and MySQL Enterprise Edition for Governments.

Musk's comment came in a discussion of another post in which Musk claimed without evidence that a lack of de-duplication in the Social Security database "enables MASSIVE FRAUD!!" because "you can have the same SSN many times over." The comment that earned Musk's rebuke was, "TIL Elon has never used SQL."

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